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SUBJ: MALI: PRESIDENT TRAORE SEEKS OFFICIAL VISIT TO THANK
PRESIDENT NIXON FOR US DROUGHT AID

1. MALIAN AMBASSADOR TRAORE MADE A DEMARCHE MARCH 21 TO ASST SECY EASUM ON INSTRUCTION OF GOM TO PROPOSE THAT MALI PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO US IN ORDER THANK PRESIDENT NIXON PERSONALLY FOR VITAL AMERICAN HELP TO MALI DURING THE CONTINUING DROUGHT CRISIS. AMBASSADOR TRAORE ADDED THAT HIS PRESIDENT FELT TIME WAS RIGHT TO UPGRADE MALI'S RELATIONS WITH US, WHICH COULD BE LAUNCHED DURING THE PROPOSED VISIT (COMMENT: HE DID NOT SPECIFY IN WHAT DOMAINS RELATIONS COULD BE IMPROVED).

2. EASUM REPLIED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S SCHEDULE WAS SUBJECT TO MANY DEMANDS, OFTEN ON SHORT NOTICE, AND THAT IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AT BEST TO ARRANGE AN OFFICIAL VISIT FOR A CHIEF OF STATE THIS YEAR. EASUM REGRETTED SCHEDULING REALITIES OBLIGED HIM TO SOUND NEGATIVE, BUT PROMISED REQUEST WOULD RECEIVE FULL CONSIDERATION BY USG.

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3. IF GOM MAKES PARALLEL DEMARCHE TO YOU, SUGGEST YOU EM-PHASIZE DIFFICULTIES IN SCHEDULING OFFICIAL VISITS, WHICH NORMALLY PLANNED WELL IN ADVANCE, BUT POINT OUT REQUEST BEING GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION. IF YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE IN CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU MIGHT ATTEMPT DETERMINE HOW PRESIDENT

TRAORE PROPOSES DRAW BILATERAL RELATIONS CLOSER TOGETHER. KISSINGER

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